

Accordingly, (1) B-L-F is a fusion protein which contains a binding domain such as an antibody at N-terminal and (2) F-L-B is a fusion protein which contains a functional domain such as an enzyme at N-terminal.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect to further prosecute a fusion protein, referred to as "B-L-F", which contains a binding domain such as an antibody at N-terminal and a functional domain such as an enzyme at C-terminal, in the event that no generic claim is finally held allowable.

This response to the election of species requirement is also made with traverse. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. The two identified fusion proteins include the three essential elements, having the linker peptide attached to an antibody at one end and an enzyme at the other end. Thus, it is believed that the differences of species is not such as to require separate examinations. Accordingly, it is urged that, in the interest of efficiency in prosecution, all the species be examined together.

#### **FEES**

This response is being filed with a petition for a three-month extension of time and the required fee via credit card authorization. No further fees are believed to be required. If, on the other hand, it is determined that further fees are necessary or any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

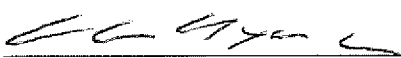
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An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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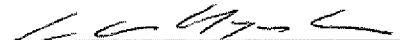
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